Production of Clean Coal

†1033. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is going to introduce a pilot project to make clean coal (coal with zero pollution);

(b) if so, whether this project will be launched in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Illegal occupation of staff quarters of South Eastern Coalfields

1034. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of Legislative Assembly is occupying a number of staff quarters at Birsiughpur Colony of Johila area under South Eastern Coalfields;

(b) if yes, the number of quarters under his occupation with date of occupation of each;

(c) whether any penal rent is being realised from the occupant;

(d) if yes, the amount thereof; and

(e) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Three quaters at Birsinghpur are under the occupation of an MLA of Nowrozabad constituency of Madhya Pradesh since September 1998, October 2000 and October 2002 respectively.

(c) and (d) The management of Johilla area has already raised a demand note on the Hon'ble MLA for payment of Rs. 1,83,750/- towards

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the residential accommodation. However, no payment has been received till date.

(e) Question does not arise.

Operation "SARP VINASH" in J&K

1035. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Intelligence agencies provided adequate, accuarate, and timely information about the existence of militant bases in the Hill Kaka region of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether there was inordinate delay in acting on the information so provided to launch operation for clearance of the areas (Operation Sarp Vinash); and

(c) whether it is a fact that large number of militants have dispersed from the Hill Kaka region to establish similar bases in other areas of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Doda-Kishtwar?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The intelligence agencies had provided timely and adequate information regarding frequent use of remote areas like Hilkaka region of Jammu and Kashmir by the terrorists as transmit points and establishing hideouts and cashes for weapons and stores. Based on these inputs, a number of counter insurgency operations were carried out in this area. The recent counter insurgency operation in the area named 'Operation Sarp Vinash' was one such operation but of a larger magnitude.

(c) There are no intelligence inputs to confirm this aspect.

MiG-21 Crash in Barmer District Rajasthan

1036. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a MiG-21 aircraft of Indian Air Force crashed in Barmer District of Rajasthan on 4th June, 2003 killing its sole pilot;

(b) whether an enquiry has been ordered into this crash;